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**COMBINED DECLARATION OF INVENTORSHIP  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the claimed subject matter of the invention disclosed in U.S. patent Application Serial No. 09/071,512 entitled "DOE-Based System And Devices For Producing Laser Beams Having Modified Beam Characteristics", filed May 1, 1998 and for which a U.S. Letters Patent is sought.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified Application, including the Claims to Invention thereof.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 (a), which occurred between the filing date of the prior US Application Serial No. 08/762,522 filed October 7, 1995, and the present Application filed on May 1, 1998.

Under 35 USC Section 120, I hereby claim priority to the earlier filing dates of the following co-pending United States Patent Applications: Application Serial No. 08/762,522 filed October 7, 1995; Application Serial No. 08/573,949 filed December 18, 1995; Application Serial No. 08/886,806 filed April 22, 1997; Application Serial No. 08/854,832 filed May 12, 1997; and Application Serial No. 08/949,915 filed October 14, 1997.

I hereby appoint Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., Reg. No. 33,134, of Soundview Plaza, 1266 East Main Street, Stamford, Connecticut 06902, to represent Applicants before the United States Patent and Trademark Office and to transact all business in connection with the above-referenced application, and any continuation, division and continuation-in-part applications thereof.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Continuation Application based on co-pending Application of:

Applicants : LeRoy Dickson et al.  
Serial No. : 09/071,512  
Filing Date : May 1, 1998

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**DECLARATION UNDER C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Sir:


I, Thomas J. Perkowski, Esq., attorney of record in the above identified case, hereby declare and certify that the attached Xerox copy of the application is a true copy of original co-pending Application Serial No. 09/071,512 filed May 1, 1998.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein are his own knowledge, are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

The present application continues prosecution of subject matter originally disclosed in co-pending Application Serial No. 09/071,512 filed May 1, 1998

Respectfully submitted,

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